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Our brave People's Army and the Chinese Voluntary Army delivered a strong blow to the American imperialists and the RHEE Syngman puppet army. Thus, the enemy has lost its strength to defend the 38th parallel and has started a disorderly retreat. Our People's Army crossed the 38th parallel and advanced to Hongch'ŏn and Kēsŏn. Now I am giving this order to the guerrilla corps, which are in the enemy's rear, to enlarge their activity so that they can cooperate with our Army as soon as it advances to the South.

1. The 5th Branch Guerrilla Corps includes:

1. KIL Wŏn-p'al's corps which is advancing toward Ulchin, Yŏngwŏn and Kēsŏn.
2. Kyŏngnam corps which is active in the Tansŏng and Sanch'ŏng areas.
3. Independent guerrilla company which is active in the east near Ch'ŏngdo. The commander of the above units is KIL Wŏn-p'al² and the political department branch commander is NAM Kyŏng-u.

2. Active Areas.

1. 1st Headquarters is in the area of Ummun Mountain, Ch'ŏngdo.
2nd Headquarters is in the Chiri Mountain area.
3rd Headquarters is in the Kwangyo Mountain area.
2. They will act in the Ch'ŏngdo, Ulsan, Tongnae, Miryang, Kumhae, Pusan, Tansŏng and Sanch'ŏng areas.

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3. General Fighting Matters are:

1. Use all possible strength in clearing up the Police and reactionary persons; free the countless suffering people from the savage administration; recover the administrative organs and, at the same time, make the public join our side and make a strong organization with it.
2. Cut communications lines continually and attack the departments of the Chief of Staff to disrupt the command channels.
3. Break the enemy transportation lines completely by destroying highways, cars and trains.
4. Attack air-strips, ammunition depots, arms warehouses, food warehouses and other military supply warehouses and equipment. This will decrease the enemy's supply and sometimes the people can be armed with the weapons you seize.
5. Try day and night surprise attacks on even small American and Rhee Syngman puppet army units. This will scare the enemy.

4. Special Fighting Matters.

1. Install mines, destroy bridges, attack the highway transportation lines between Pusan and Ch'ongdo, Pusan and Kyongju, Samnangjin and Masan. This will stop and decrease enemy activity.
2. Stop enemy railway transportation by destroying railways and bridges and attack army trains between Pusan and Masan, Pusan and Taegu, Pusan and Kyongju.
3. Send some attack units to the Samsonghyon tunnel at Ch'ongdo and have them destroy it or set fire to supply material from the rear areas.
4. Send some small units to Pusan, Miryang, Kyongju, Taegu, Ch'ongdo, Ch'angyong, Tansong, Sanch'ong and Kumhae and have them attack enemy administrative organs. This will cut the lines between the front line army and rear organs.
5. Destroy the locomotive works at Pusanjin, warehouses at So-myŏn, the Nakdong railway bridge between Samnangjin and Masan, the bridge between Kup'o and Kumhae, the arms warehouse at Miryang.
6. Send some assault units to destroy the Kumhae and Ulsan air-strips and harbor equipment in Pusan, Kumhae and Ulsan.
7. When the enemy retreats, occupy Miryang, Ch'angyong and Ulsan and form several units to hold road intersections, thereby stopping the enemy's retreat and cutting off supplies and reinforcements from Pusan and P'ohang.
8. Strengthen our organizations and form many political movement corps; dispatch them to all places, organize with the public and have it rise up and fight when our main force starts the offensive.
9. When our main force begins the offensive, you will unite with the North Kyongsang 3rd Branch Corps and the North and South Cholla 4th Branch Corps.

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6. I emphasize that all commanders of branch guerrilla corps must pay attention to all of the above and fulfill their fighting duties.
6. All branch corps commanders must respect the _____³ of the battalions and companies under their corps.
7. All commanders must send daily war situation reports by radio and a weekly written report by the liaison officer.

Korean People's Army
Supreme Commander of Supreme Headquarters

(signed) KIM Il-sŏng

(signed) YU Sŏng-ch'ŏl
Deputy Chief of Staff

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Dictated by PAE Ch'ŏl

- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. The meaning of "49th year published" is unknown.
- 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. Apparently, KIL Won-p'al was in command of the 5th Branch Guerrilla Corps.
- 25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. Apparently, a precise translation of the missing phrase is impossible, but the general meaning is described as "something less than independence".

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